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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION supporting Taiwan's efforts to secure entry to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the signing of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) with the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile and for strengthening and expanding sister-state ties between Indiana and Taiwan.

Whereas, The State of Indiana is proud of the sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with the Republic of China (Taiwan) since 1979 marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism;

Whereas, Taiwan, as a full-fledged democracy, shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of

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law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the State of Indiana;

Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading partner; Taiwan is the twelfth largest trading partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached 57.7 billion dollars in 2013;

Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Indiana have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's 4th largest export market in Asia in 2013, with 251 million dollars worth of Indiana goods exported to Taiwan, which is 6.45 percent growth from 2012;

Whereas, Negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between Taiwan and The United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement between our countries, thereby increasing Indiana's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

Whereas, Taiwan, seeking greater regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region and promotion of bilateral investment and trade relations with the United States, welcomes the opportunity presented by the United States' announcement at the 2011 APEC leaders meeting of the United States' intent not only to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the proposed 21st century trade agreement between the U.S. and 11 other Asia-Pacific Rim countries, but to expand TPP membership in the future to include other countries, such as Taiwan: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives reaffirms
- 2 its commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the sister-state
- 3 relationship between Taiwan and the State of Indiana.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives supports
- 5 Taiwan's efforts to secure entry into the Trans-Pacific Partnership



1 (TPP), and welcomes the signing of Bilateral Investment Agreement
2 (BIA) and Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States;
3 SECTION 3. That the Indiana House of Representatives continues
4 to support Taiwan's appropriate participation in international
5 organizations which impact the health, safety, and well-being of
6 Taiwan.
7 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the members
9 of the Indiana Congressional delegation and the Taipei Economic and
10 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

